

## Bernalillo County



### Board of Commissioners

Art De La Cruz, Chair, Dist. 2  
Maggie Hart Stebbins, Vice Chair, Dist. 3  
Debbie O'Malley, Member, Dist. 1  
Lonnie C. Talbert, Member, Dist. 4  
Wayne A. Johnson, Member, Dist. 5  
Tom Zdunek, County Manager  
**468-7000**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Martin Luther King Holiday-**  
Monday, January 21  
County Closed

**Hand In Hand**  
District 2  
Coming in Soon!

**NM State Legislature Opening**  
Tuesday, January 15  
Noon

**Spring Softball 2012 League**  
**Registration Deadline**  
Friday, February 15  
For more information please call  
Vicente at 314-0422

### PUBLIC MEETINGS

#### ADMINISTRATIVE

Tuesday, January 8 @ 5:00 pm  
Tuesday, January 22 @ 5:00 pm

#### ZONING

Tuesday, January 22 @ 3:00 pm

**COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
1st Wednesday of each month 9am

*The above meetings are held in the  
Vincent E. Griego Chambers in the  
basement of the City/County  
Government Building*

#### BERNALILLO COUNTY

**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW AUTHORITY**  
Tuesday, January 10 @ 9:00 am  
111 Union Square St. SE, Suite 100



Neighborhood Newsletter  
Volume IV, Issue 1, January 2013



### Debbie O'Malley County Commissioner, District 1

Debbie O'Malley brings over 20 years of strong, effective public service to the position of commissioner for District 1-- first as a neighborhood leader, actively working for redevelopment of her historic, working-class community,

followed by nine years as an Albuquerque city councilor, focusing on public safety, workforce housing and neighborhood planning and revitalization.

As founder and first executive director of the Sawmill Community Land Trust, Debbie spearheaded the planning and development of Arbolera de Vida, a multi-million dollar, award-winning, nationally acclaimed revitalization project in the Sawmill/Old Town neighborhood.

Debbie has served as city council president and vice president, and is currently the chair of the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments. An Albuquerque native, she has experienced the economic challenges facing working families.

Debbie and her husband Mike, of 38 years, are the proud parents of two daughters, April and Kristy, and three grandchildren, Evan, Aiden and Hope.

#### Debbie O'Malley's Record of Leadership Includes:

- Albuquerque City Councilor, 2003 - 12-7-12
- Vice-President, City Council, 2012
- Chair, Mid-Region Council of Governments, 2011 - present
- Chair, Metropolitan Transportation Board, MRCOG, 2009-2010
- Chair, City Council Land Use and Zoning Committee, 2006, 2009
- Vice-President, Albuquerque City Council, 2008
- President, Albuquerque City Council, 2007
- Vice-Chair, Metropolitan Transportation Board, MRCOG, 2006-2007
- Chair, City Council Committee of the Whole, 2004, 2005
- Associate Director, Sawmill Community Land Trust, 2004
- Executive Director, Sawmill Community Land Trust, 1998-2003
- Project Director, Sawmill Advisory Council/ Development Corporation, 1995-1998

### Lonnie C. Talbert County Commissioner, District 4



Lonnie C. Talbert was elected in 2012 to serve as Bernalillo County Commissioner for District 4.

Lonnie is a magna cum laude graduate of Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Florida. Lonnie's career has taken him all over the country but when he came to New Mexico, Lonnie knew he wanted to make the Land of Enchantment his permanent home. In 1999, Lonnie joined Citi Cards, one of the world's largest credit card issuers, as a vice president. Lonnie worked his way up to site president of the New Mexico call center operation, as well as chairman of the state leadership council, by 2003. Since leaving Citi Cards in 2007, Lonnie has served as a senior level executive for several corporations including First Community Bank. Currently, Lonnie works as a vice president for Bank of America.

Lonnie is deeply committed to supporting community and philanthropic groups and has served many non-profit organizations in a leadership role. Lonnie's past community involvement includes serving as chairman of the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the March of Dimes, and chair of the United Way of Central New Mexico's 2009 campaign. Lonnie has also served on the board of several organizations including Junior Achievement and the Association of Commerce and Industry. In 2007, Lonnie received the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Hope Award which honors corporate leaders who are committed to philanthropy and service in their communities. Lonnie is also a member of the New Mexico Amigos, the Official Goodwill Ambassadors for the state of New Mexico.

Lonnie is married to Robin Brulé. They have three children: Michael Brulé, Emma Talbert, and Annagrace Talbert.

### 23 Years Pursuing the Dream

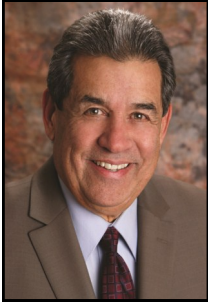
Bernalillo County is a proud sponsor of this year's Martin Luther King Celebration.

Monday, January 21, 2013  
Congregation Albert  
3800 Louisiana NE (Louisiana & Montgomery)

Free Admission • Ethnic Dress Encouraged  
For More Information:  
Call 994-2335 or e-mail: [jcyrus1@aol.com](mailto:jcyrus1@aol.com)



**Need Assistance or Resources?**  
Call Neighborhood Coordination Specialist, Darrell Dady at 468-7364 or e-mail: [ddady@bernco.gov](mailto:ddady@bernco.gov)



## Manny Ortiz County Treasurer

Manny Ortiz was elected to the position of Bernalillo County Treasurer in 2012. He has been serving New Mexico in both the public and private sectors for over three decades. Armed with inventiveness and experience, Manny has created his own accounting firm, Manny Ortiz, PC, which is dedicated to helping

businesses throughout the state thrive with proper financial and resource management. Through consultations, negotiations, and problem resolution with taxation and other management issues, Manny has been able to help New Mexico businesses achieve profitability and growth. Manny has also served as an investment officer for Bernalillo County. With over eight years' experience working within the Bernalillo County Treasurer's Office, Manny gained firsthand knowledge and understanding of the duties and responsibilities of the county Treasurer's Office. As a successful county investment officer, Manny has aggressively remained current on statutes to update county investment policies and how statutes and policies affect the public.

Dear to his heart are the many nonprofit organizations he serves. With his positive outlook, he continues to serve the community as the director for the New Mexico Business Resource Center and the Volunteer Income Tax Program (VITA), a program that partners with the IRS to offer free income tax service to low income families. Approximately 3,500 returns are prepared annually through the VITA program. Manny has continued his community service throughout his career, on the following boards: NM Organic Commission, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque Capital, and the Private Industry Council. As current treasurer of the Loan Fund and as a past member of the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Manny continues to emphasize his commitment to teamwork, integrity and an honest work ethic. Serving as an IRS agent from 1965–1971, Manny developed in-depth insight into a broad spectrum of tax law, accounting and investigative techniques. Beginning in 1971, Manny joined the Small Business Administration with duties ranging from loan servicing to counseling potential small business owners about how to build a successful small business. In 1979, Manny left the Small Business Administration to pursue a small business ownership career.

Manny has a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from Western New Mexico University. He resides in Albuquerque, and has two children and two grandchildren.

### BernCo Text Alerts Find You!



With the hectic pace of today's world, urgent information can't wait. Bernalillo County utilizes a communications service that allows us to send important, valuable information directly to residents using the latest in technology. That means residents get the information they need, wherever they are.

The Nixle service is reliable, with no cost to the county or to those who choose to use this program. Residents within the city of Albuquerque and in the unincorporated areas of the county will receive messages as part of their cell phone text messaging plan.

Through the Bernalillo County Text Alerting service, you can receive texts about severe weather, fire danger, road closures and much more.

Those who use Nixle will decide what information they want and whether to have the message sent to a cell phone, e-mail, or simply access it over the web.

For more information and to sign up today, go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).

## Tips to Avoid Financial Exploitation

Financial exploitation targeting older adults is a major problem that is growing across the United States. Research shows that as many as five million older adults are victims of elder abuse each year. Financial exploitation, also known as financial abuse, is believed to cost seniors an estimated \$3 billion annually. It is a threat to the health, safety, dignity and independence of vulnerable older adults, but you can help prevent it from happening.

What are some potential signs of financial exploitation? You, family and friends or your bank might notice some common warning signs that may indicate that you are being exploited. These signs might include:

- ♦ You notice financial activity that is inconsistent with your financial history and/or beyond your means (i.e. increased or unexplained credit card activity, withdrawals in spite of penalties, newly authorized signers on accounts).
- ♦ Your caregiver or beneficiary refuses to use your funds for necessary care and treatment.
- ♦ You are confused about recent financial arrangements/transactions and are reluctant to discuss finances.
- ♦ There have been recent changes to your property titles, deeds, refinanced mortgages, Power of Attorney documents, wills, trusts or other documents that you do not understand and did not authorize.
- ♦ People are threatening to place you in a long-term care facility unless you give them control of your finances.
- ♦ It appears that food or medication has been manipulated or withheld so you become weak and compliant.
- ♦ You have been threatened with harm, neglect or abandonment if you don't agree to financial arrangements presented by others.
- ♦ You have taken on the financial responsibility for a family member or friend without regard for your own needs.

**I think I am being exploited. What should I do?** Do some of the warning signs sound familiar to you? Are your finances dwindling away at a rate that does not make sense to you? If you suspect you are a victim of financial exploitation, there are steps you can take and resources available to you to help identify and remedy the problem.

Reporting the issue may not be easy, especially when you suspect a friend or family member might be the offender. But it is important to remember that financial exploitation is a crime. You and your finances have the right to be safe and secure!

There are agencies in your state and community that deal with protecting the financial safety and well-being of older adults.

- ♦ If you feel threatened and believe you are in immediate danger, contact **local law enforcement (911)**. To report a suspected crime in a non-emergency situation, you can contact local law enforcement at their regular phone number.
- ♦ The **Eldercare Locator** is a nationwide, public service that connects older adults and caregivers with local aging resources that can help, such as an **Area Agency on Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Center** or **Title VI Native American aging program**. Through the Eldercare Locator you can get connected with an agency in your community, Adult Protective Services or an Ombudsman office (for abuse happening in a long-term care facility).

Call the Eldercare Locator at 800.677.1116 or visit [www.eldercare.gov](http://www.eldercare.gov).

- ♦ **Adult Protective Services (APS)** are services provided to ensure the safety and well-being of older adults and adults with disabilities (policies vary by state) who are in danger of being mistreated, neglected or exploited. Each state has an Adult Protective Services program. You can locate the phone number and website for the APS in your state at [www.napsa-now.org/get-help-in-your-area](http://www.napsa-now.org/get-help-in-your-area).
- ♦ **Long-term Care Ombudsmen** are advocates for residents of nursing homes, board and care homes and assisted living facilities. Ombudsmen provide information about how to find a facility and what to do to get quality care. They are trained to resolve problems. If you want, an ombudsman can assist you with complaints about abuse or neglect. Every state is required to have an Ombudsman Program. For more information, go to [www.ltombudsman.org/ombudsman](http://www.ltombudsman.org/ombudsman).
- ♦ The **National Center on Elder Abuse** has general information to help inform you about elder abuse. Learn more at [www.ncea.aqa.gov](http://www.ncea.aqa.gov).

## Capital Improvement Program (CIP)...it is a continuous process!

The 2012 CIP General Obligation Bond Cycle is complete. I thank you for sharing your ideas and suggestions for community improvement. The resulting projects have been ranked and their corresponding evaluation score sheets are now available for your review. Please visit our website at [www.berncogov/CIP](http://www.berncogov/CIP) to search for a project that you may have submitted or to look at all of the project requests.

Bernalillo County invites the public to submit capital project requests online ([www.berncogov/CIP](http://www.berncogov/CIP)) starting January 14, 2013 for evaluation and consideration in the 2014 CIP General Obligation (GO) Bond Cycle. A capital improvement is defined as a substantial, physical asset with a useful life of 10 years or greater. The deadline for submittals is June 1, 2014. Public meetings in all five commission districts will be held in March and April 2014 to further explain general obligation bonds and the county's Capital Improvement Program. Individuals who submit a project request online and provide an email address will receive a confirmation number that can be used to follow-up on the request in late 2014. Capital Improvement Program staff will undertake technical evaluations of individual projects, according to established criteria, in June and July 2014. The results of technical evaluations will be forwarded to the county's Capital Improvement Committee, who will then recommend specific projects for Board of County Commission consideration and approval. Commission approval is required to finalize bond questions that will appear on the November 2014 ballot.

For an explanation of the County's various sources of capital funding and the continuum of planning, funding, design, construction, and redevelopment maintenance that implements capital projects, go to [www.berncogov/CIP](http://www.berncogov/CIP).

Questions may be directed to CIP Program Manager Clay Campbell at 224-2151 or [ccampbell@berncogov](mailto:ccampbell@berncogov).

## BernCo Seeks Public Input on Community Development Block Grant Application

Bernalillo County seeks more citizen and public input as the county prepares its 2013 Community Development Block Grant application.

Bernalillo County intends to apply for a Community Development Block Grant in February 2013. This federal grant request of up to \$500,000 will be submitted to the state Department of Finance and Administration. A wide variety of community needs are eligible, including infrastructure such as road and street improvements, housing, community and senior centers, economic development, planning and public safety needs.

In 2012, the state of New Mexico distributed more than \$10 million statewide on a competitive basis. Bernalillo County's application would apply to the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County only.

"This is a great opportunity to apply for much-needed funding, and it's essential to hear from our citizens and neighborhoods directly about what the community needs are," Commission Chair Art De La Cruz says. "Simply call our project manager or send us a note and let us know what projects or needs are important to your community. This input is critical to the process."

State and national goals of the program are to address activities that help low and moderate income families; work that improves areas of slum and blight; and to address emergency or urgent needs.

County officials will accept public input on the 2013 application through Thursday, Jan. 10 at 5 p.m.

To send a comment or suggest a project, simply call planner Richard Meadows at 505.848.1508 or email him at [rmeadows@berncogov](mailto:rmeadows@berncogov). Suggestions may also be sent via mail to Richard Meadows, Bernalillo County Public Works, 2400 Broadway Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM, 87102.

After gathering public input, staff and the Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners will consider the projects and select one for an application to be submitted by February 2013. The New Mexico Community Development Council is scheduled to review and allocate these funds by May 2013.

## Art Work by Ernesto Flores

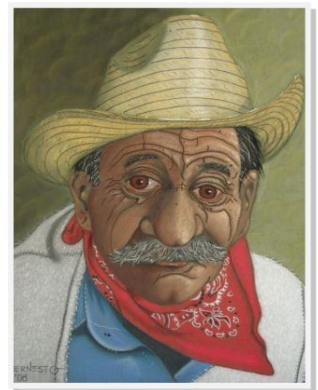
The next District 3 art show is featuring the work of Ernesto Flores. This show is the 23rd in a series of exhibits showcasing the talent and creativity of District 3 artists.

Ernesto Flores is a military veteran, artist and mental illness survivor. An award winning artist who has lived in New Mexico most of his life, Ernesto was diagnosed with a mental illness while serving in the armed forces 40 years ago. Following his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, he earned a bachelor's degree in art from the University of Albuquerque. His work includes painting, pastels, mixed-media and sculpture; most of his work is three-dimensional. He has also done illustrations for the Navy, Air Force and Department of Defense.

Through his art work Ernesto hopes to capture the essence, spirit and mystery of New Mexico; and of life. He uses New Mexico authors, landscapes and archeological sites for inspiration and credits the support of the Veterans Administration for helping him pursue his artistic endeavors, as well as helping him manage his mental illness.

We invite you to an opening reception on **Friday, January 18th, from 5-6:30 p.m.** Our offices are on the **10th Floor of One Civic Plaza, Suite 10111**. When you arrive, look for the directional signs near entrances from the parking structure and throughout the building.

Please share with your friends, colleagues, neighbors and association members. RSVP is not necessary. For more information, please call 505-468-7108 or email [jhartley@berncogov](mailto:jhartley@berncogov).

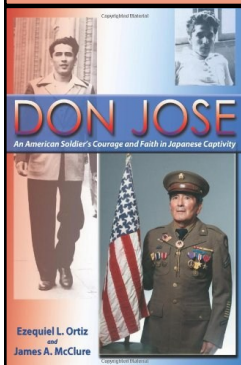


**Art Work by  
Ernesto Flores**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9 -  
FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2013



## New book celebrates life of Corregidor veteran



Don Jose – An American Soldier's Courage and Faith in Japanese Captivity, by Albuquerque writers Ezequiel L. Ortiz and James A. McClure and published by Sunstone Press, relates Joseph Quintero, affectionately known as "Don Jose," wartime experiences in the battle for Corregidor and his subsequent years in Japanese prisoner of war camps.

The son of Mexican immigrants in Texas, Joseph Quintero joined the Army in 1941 and was captured by the Japanese after the fall of Bataan and Corregidor in the Philip-

ppines. He became known as the "miracle man" who survived a razor-blade appendectomy on a prison ship and helped save the lives of his buddies as a medic in a POW camp in Japan.

When American forces liberated the POWs in 1945, Joseph Quintero greeted them with a homemade American flag sewn in secret and hidden from the Japanese.

After the war, Joseph Quintero moved to Albuquerque to be with his wartime buddies from the New Mexico National Guard. He pursued a long career as a research technician at the Veterans Administration hospital and raised his family in the North Valley. He passed away in 2000, and the performance stage at the Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center was dedicated in his honor in 2004. Joseph's family continues to live in the Alameda area.

More information about the book is available at <http://www.DonJosepow.com>.

## Paradise Hills Community Center Holds New Year Dance for Adults with Disabilities



Bernalillo County's Parks & Recreation Department, in conjunction with VSA North Fourth Art Center, is holding a community New Year's dance event for adults with disabilities.

The event will be held **Saturday, January 12, 2013 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** at Paradise Hills Community Center, 5901 Paradise Blvd. NW.

## The Prescription Trails Program (Rx Trails)



The Prescription Trails Program (Rx Trails) developed a prescription tool and walking guide to increase walking and wheelchair use on suggested routes, targeting and promoting healthy lifestyle for families. Sedentary lifestyles contribute significantly to chronic disease and poor health. Rx Trails connects health care providers and their patients to walkable sites in the South Valley.

Prescription Trails Program major partners include: NM Health Care Takes on Diabetes, National Park Service, Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico, City of Albuquerque, New Mexico State Parks, Albuquerque Alliance for Active Living and Bernalillo County Open Space.

Prescription Rx Walking Trails are at the following Bernalillo County Open Space properties: Durand, Gutierrez-Hubbell House, Pajarito, Rio Bravo, Sanchez Farm and Valle del Bosque. For more information please contact Colleen A. Langan at 314-0398 or e-mail at [calangan@bernco.gov](mailto:calangan@bernco.gov)

## BERNALILLO COUNTY

1221 Arenal Rd SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105  
505-314-0475 or 505-314-0477

Clubhouse Software:  
Adobe Photoshop  
Premiere  
Flash  
Illustrator  
Microsoft Office  
Mavis Beacon Typing

Youth  
Ages 9-18  
Mon- Fri 2:00-6:00

Adults  
Mon-Thur  
12:30-2:00



Music Studio:  
Mix & Create  
beats,  
voiceovers  
Electric Drums  
Electric Guitar  
Keyboards

Coordinator: Tommie Gonzales  
Staff: Damian Mecochea, Rayanna Baca

## COMPUTER CLUBHOUSE



## BERNALILLO COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION



**SPRING Softball**  
2013  
League  
MEN'S  
WOMEN'S  
CO-ED  
COMPETITIVE  
FUN

**Registration Deadline: Feb. 15, 2013**

ENTRY FEE:  
\$475 PER TEAM  
\$50 ASA FEE  
(SEPARATE CHECKS)

**SEASON: MAR. 20, 2013**

**TOM TENORIO SOFTBALL COMPLEX  
2900 ARENAL S.W.**

**8 GAME SEASON + POST SEASON TOURNAMENT**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
VICENTE RAMIREZ AT 314-0422 OR [VRAMIREZ@BERNCO.GOV](mailto:VRAMIREZ@BERNCO.GOV)  
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE @ [WWW.BERNCO.GOV/SPORTS](http://WWW.BERNCO.GOV/SPORTS)